



**Eddie A. Perez,
Mayor**

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**MAYOR PEREZ WELCOMES THOUSANDS TO
FIRST NIGHT HARTFORD 2006!**

WHEN: Saturday, December 31, 2005 approx. 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE: Wadsworth Atheneum
600 Main Street Downtown Hartford**

(December 29, 2005)--- Mayor Eddie Perez welcomes thousands of residents and visitors to ring in the New Year at First Night Hartford!

“What a wonderful way to celebrate family and friends as well as Hartford’s diversity and culture,” says Mayor Perez.

At approximately, 3:30 p.m., Mayor Perez will spend time with children at the Hat and Mask Making event in the Morgan Great Hall at the Wadsworth Atheneum.

Entertainment and excitement will crisscross the Downtown neighborhood from Pratt Street to Pearl Street, from the Old State House to Hartford Stage, from the Carousel to Capital Community College.

The show goes on rain or shine. For more information, log on to www.firstnighthartford.org.

For more information on the Mayor’s role, contact Sarah Barr, Director of Communications (860) 522-4888 x6217.